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LOCALS HAND THE LEADERS A LEMON

COLUMBUS SHUT MOBILE OUT ON THURSDAY — COX WAS IN FINE FORM AND HAD SUPERB SUPPORT.

Last Game to be Played on Lake Park Diamond Occurred Friday— Discoverers Close at Jackson Wednesday.

Columbus won a hard fought game from Mobile on the Lake Park diamond Thursday afternoon, the contest having resulted in a victory for the locals by a score of one to nothing. Columbus scored in the first inning, when Marshall was hit by Bruner, reached second on Huber's sacrifice, and scored on Manush's safety. After the first inning there was nothing doing on the score board. Bruner and Cox both settled down to hard work and both pitched brilliantly, having allowed only two hits each.

Mobile won Friday's game by a score of five to one. May was on the local firing line, and as usual worked valiantly, but McCay's men bunched their hits on him, and inefficient support did the rest. The Columbusians on the previous day had fielded faultlessly, went to the lead Friday, having made no less than four errors during the progress of the game. Friday marked the farewell appearance of the Discoverers on home grounds. The team laid off yesterday and left last night for Vicksburg, where they play today and tomorrow. From Vicksburg they go to Jackson for two games, closing the season there Wednesday afternoon. The defeat of Mobile on Thursday afternoon made the local fans happy, and an unusually large crowd witnessed Friday's game.

Columbus has witnessed her last game of professional ball for the current season, and none can deny that the sport has added to the enjoyment of the people during the first while dull and tiresome summer months. Columbus was unfortunate in the selection of her first two managers, neither Jack Law or "Red" Wright having been able to get results. Under the leadership of "Ace" Stewart, however, the team has played winning ball, and the last few weeks have witnessed many close and hotly contested games, of which Columbus won her full share.

Too much cannot be said in praise of President Wylie Banks, who stuck to the team under adversity and distress and who gallantly kept up the fight when a less courageous man would have gone down in defeat. Mr. Banks is a thorough lover of baseball, and not only devoted his time to the duties of his office, but went down in his pocket for the necessary funds to keep the team going. When the prospects were dark and gloomy, and even the most enthusiastic fans were disposed to feel discouraged, the doughty president kept on smiling and assured them that he would have a winning team before the season ended. He finally made good his promise, and with a few additions to the present aggregation Columbus can go in next season and play winning ball from the start.

While no definite arrangements have as yet been perfected, it seems to be generally understood that Columbus will be in the Cotton States League again next season. Notwithstanding the fact that the Discoverers have been tallenders during practically the whole season, the patronage has been good, and had it not been for the work of Law and Wright in expending so much money in trying out worthless players the season might have shown a profit. Columbus is now in a position to go about securing good players in an intelligent manner, and here's to a winning team next season.

Fitzpatrick-Gardner.

Mr. Hugh Fitzpatrick and Miss Mary Gardner were recently married at Aliceville, Ala. The bride is a member of a prominent Alabama family and is an exceedingly pretty and vivacious young lady. The groom is a young man possessed of unusually fine business qualifications and holds a lucrative and responsible position with the Alabama, Tennessee & Northern Railroad. Both the contracting parties are well known in Columbus, and The Dispatch joins their numerous friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Columbus Yarn & Textile Mills.

The Merchants & Farmers Bank is to be congratulated upon financing the Columbus Underwear Mill, buying in the property, and re-selling it to a company of local capitalists, which will give to the city a permanent industry in the Columbus Yarn & Textile Mills, which has been organized with Messrs. W. I. Wellman, T. W. Hardy, Jno. A. Stinson and others as stockholders and incorporators. The charter of the new company is elsewhere published in this paper, and it is to be capitalized at fifty thousand dollars and is to be devoted exclusively to the manufacture of yarns and boxes therefor. Mr. Wellman, who is one of the chief promoters of the new concern, is the experienced secretary of the Rowe Knitting Mills of Huntsville, Ala., the company that leased the underwear mill, and since his connection with the local enterprise he has demonstrated that the manufacture of yarns in this city is a profitable venture, and from the showing that the mill has made under his management no difficulty has been encountered in organizing the new company.

The mill's equipment for the manufacture of underwear will be sold and replaced with yarn machinery throughout, and when completed the new mill will be one of the best in the South, employing a large number of operatives, and it will be upon a solid and enduring basis, with ample capital and with experienced men in charge, and it is assured of a prosperous future. The new company will assume control of the mill on October 15th, just as soon as they can organize under the present law.

Was Truly a Bad Negro.

That there is no doubt of Henry Wilson, a negro who was killed on the night of September 2nd in the local yards of the Southern Railway by Special Agent S. J. McConnell of this city, being a bad negro, is further substantiated by a letter which was received by this paper from Mr. W. C. Miller, mayor of Woodville, Miss., in which he asks for a copy of The Dispatch containing the account of the killing, and informing this paper that the negro was known as a bad character in that town, and did on the night of August 30th, last, burglarize it.

John L. Buckley for Judge.

Stonewall, Miss., Sept. 11.—The voters of Clarke county and the attorneys of the Tenth judicial district of Mississippi, with almost concerted action, have brought strong pressure to bear upon Hon. John L. Buckley of Enterprise to become an applicant at the proper time for the appointment of the judgeship of this (Tenth) district, as successor to Judge Cochran, and it is understood by several of his friends that he has practically consented to make the application.

Mr. Buckley is a graduate of the literary department of the University of Mississippi (Oxford) and is also a graduate of law from the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn. He has had a large and lucrative practice in the law since 1888 and has been employed in some of the most prominent litigations in his district. Mr. Buckley stands high as a citizen, and takes an active part in politics and has held many political positions, among which is representative from this (Clarke) county, in the legislature during the sessions of 1896, 1897 and 1898. He is a past grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and represented the State of Mississippi at the sovereign grand lodge of said order in 1903 at Baltimore, and in 1904 at San Francisco. His friends believe that he would be a splendid piece of judicial timber, as they know he is thoroughly qualified and well fitted in every way, especially from a moral, educational and legal standpoint, and would make a moral, conscientious and able circuit judge; likened unto the lamented Judge S. H. Terrill, a late resident of this county, who wore the judicial ermine for so many years on both the circuit and supreme benches, and with so much honor and distinction, and who was loved and respected by everybody on account of his high moral standing and fairness alike to the litigants and attorneys.

The Alaska Packers' Association, which can the Argo Red Salmon, has the largest fleet in number of any shipping firm selling under the American flag. It owns fifty-five steamers and fifteen sailing vessels and charters many more.

CITY PAYS HALF OF ROAD TAX

COLUMBUS TAXPAYERS TO RE- NISH MORE THAN HALF OF MONEY FOR WORKING THE PUBLIC ROADS.

Under the Law, However, Half of the Sum Reverts to the City and Will be Used in Main- tenance of the Streets.

The assessment roll for the year year, which was recently filed by Tax Assessor Williams, is very interesting to the public, as it shows not only the value of the real and personal property in the county, but shows the proportion of the road tax which the city of Columbus will be called upon to pay. It will be remembered that at their September meeting the Board of Supervisors decided to levy a three mill ad valorem tax and a personal tax of three dollars per annum for the purpose of working the public roads of the county, and many people have expressed a desire to know just how much of this tax the city of Columbus will have to pay.

The total assessed valuation of all property, both real and personal, within the borders of the county, is \$5,209,465. The value of this property which is located within the city limits of Columbus is \$2,654,978, or a little more than half of the assessed valuation of the entire county. On the property located within its borders Columbus will pay an ad valorem tax of three mills, amounting to \$7,964.93, while the total amount paid by property holders outside the city will be \$7,636.53. Columbus will, however, get back nearly four thousand dollars, or to be exact she will have returned to her the sum of \$3,982.43. This sum reverts to the city under the law regulating assessments for the purpose of maintaining public roads, which stipulates that in all chartered towns and cities one-half of the tax collected from the property holders thereof shall revert to the city treasury.

The purpose of the law which provides that one-half of all money collected within the borders of chartered municipalities for road purposes shall revert to the treasury of said municipalities is to protect the cities and towns by giving them funds with which to maintain their streets and avenues. Columbus is probably the only city in the county which spends any considerable amount of money in the maintenance of its streets, but Caledonia, Crawford and Artesia are all incorporated towns, and each will receive one-half of the money collected within her confines. It may be, however, that the action of the Board of Supervisors in levying a public road tax will have a stimulating effect on these towns and that they will vie with each other in keeping their streets clean and free from mud.

The per capita tax of three dollars per annum, insofar as it applies to the city of Columbus, will not be enforced. The city now collects a poll tax of three dollars from all male inhabitants of legal age, and to impose an additional personal tax would not be legal. The three dollars per capita tax imposed upon residents of the rural districts exempts them from road duty. Heretofore the people living in the country have been compelled to devote a certain number of days each year to work on the public roads but under the new law they will not be called upon to perform work of this character.

Special Supervisors' Meeting.

There was a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors last Thursday, the meeting having been called for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the erection of a prison at the new county farm. After a thorough discussion of the matter the board decided not to award any contract, but to purchase the material and have the building erected under the supervision of the county officials. It is believed that the building can be erected in a most satisfactory manner by pursuing this course, and that at the same time it will result in a great saving to the county.

A Small Fire.

A small fire at the home of Mr. D. S. McClanahan last Thursday afternoon called out the fire department. The flames started in an out-house, where the children were playing, but did no serious damage.

EXPERTS TALK TO THE FARMERS

MR. CANDLER AND PARTY VISIT CALEDONIA AND COLUMBUS AND TALK OF MODERN FARMING METHODS.

Little Prospect That Congressman Candler Will Have Any Opposi- tion for Re-election to His Present Office.

Congressman E. S. Candler, accompanied by five experts from the agricultural department at Washington, visited Lowndes county the past week and talked to the people about those problems which most concern them as farmers and agriculturalists. The party, besides Mr. Candler, was composed of Messrs. A. S. Meharg, of Grenada, Miss., who is now engaged in government work; R. S. Wilson, R. S. Kellogg, O. Eldridge and J. A. Bonsteel. They arrived in this city last Wednesday evening about dark, stopping at the Stone Hotel, from which they were carried to the Bell Cafe and given an elegant supper by a few friends. Covers were laid for twelve, and besides Mr. Candler and his party there were present Mayor E. S. Donnell, Col. John P. Mayo, Col. William Baldwin, Mr. Walter Weaver, Mr. Warren C. McClure and P. W. Maer.

On Thursday at ten o'clock the speaking began at the courthouse, when the members of the party addressed the assembled crowd upon the various topics assigned to them. The crowd was not very large, but what was lacked in numbers was made up in interest and earnestness, and the experts were favorably impressed with this city and the farmers whom they met. They addressed a good audience at Caledonia the day before their visit to this city, and on Friday morning they left for Starkville, where they spoke in that city.

The party is composed largely of the same men who accompanied Congressman Hobson on his canvass over his district, and they discuss good roads, timber resources and the value thereof, soils, seed crops, and in fact everything which pertains to successful rural life. Their lectures were attentively listened to here, and the fund of valuable information imparted to their hearers will be of incalculable benefit to them in the future.

Mr. Candler was in the best of spirits. He says that there is little prospect of him having any opposition next year. There is some little talk of District Attorney Mitchell running against him, but Mr. Mitchell will hardly be so rash as to undertake any such thing. Mr. Candler is entrenched in the good will and good graces of his constituents as few public men ever are, and it would be folly for any man in the district, no matter how strong, to undertake to defeat him.

Receiver is Asked for the Gulf Com- press Company.

Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 13.—Not contented to rest upon his first bombshell volley fired at the Gulf Compress Company in which James D. Thames, the district attorney of the Ninth district, who several days ago created a great sensational flurry among the cotton men of the State by attacking the corporation as illegal and ruinous to the cotton trade, and charging violation of the Mississippi anti-trust laws, the official comes along with another hard blow at the alleged trust by going into the chancery court and asking for a receiver to have charge of the Gulf Compress Company's interests. Mr. Thames, in his chancery suit, asks that the Gulf Compress Company be enjoined from selling or disposing in any way of its property and belongings in this city and State, or at several cities where they have interests pending. In the first suits, which were filed in the circuit court, it was set forth that the concern is owning property and operating in violation of the anti-trust laws and claiming \$2,000,000 penalties for alleged operations carried on in its presses here in violation of the laws of the State. The district attorney also prays that this company be restrained from further carrying on its business in Vicksburg, which is designated as illegal, and asks that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the company's affairs. Mr. Thames further prays to the court in his bill to set aside the sales and leases of the Gulf Compress Company here as illegal and fraudulent.

Cotton Takes a Tumble.

The government report which was recently issued shows a decided improvement in the cotton crop, the condition having been placed at 72.7 against 70.5 last month. The report naturally had a bullish effect on the market, and prices fell off nearly one hundred points, having dropped from 12.75 to 11.80. The decline from the top notch was greater still. New York spots were quoted last week at 13 points, but there was a decline of about thirty points in anticipation of a bullish report, and when the report finally came and showed such a decided improvement in the condition of the crop the big slump quickly followed.

Local cotton men maintain different opinions regarding the permanency of the present low state of the market. Some claim that a further decline in prices may be confidently expected, while others aver that the crop has deteriorated since the figures on which the report was based were compiled, and that the market will soon regain its full strength. There is no doubt of the fact that in the territory immediately surrounding Columbus there has been a marked deterioration in cotton during the past two weeks, but in order to affect prices this deterioration would have to be general. The decline in prices, should it remain permanent, will prove a great disappointment to the farmers, many of whom believed that the staple would continue to advance and that a maximum of fifteen cents would eventually be reached.

Yesterday brought a perceptible decline in futures, New York quotations for October having dropped from 11.60 to 11.54 and New Orleans quotations for the same month having tumbled from 11.90 to 11.65. Spots, however, remained firm, the closing figures yesterday afternoon having been 12.60 in New York and 13 cents in New Orleans. In the local market middling was quoted at 12 1/2c.

Cattle Thief Sent Up.

Justice Beverly Matthews gave a hearing to Rich Mayhew on Wednesday last on the charge of stealing cattle from negroes in the southern portion of the county, and sufficient evidence being introduced against him, he was convicted and sent to the county farm, where he will have to spend the next four or five years repaying his sin.

For the past three or four months notices from time to time have been brought to Justice Matthews of missing cattle, and as the losses continued he spread the net for the capture of the erring one. There were reported about sixteen missing cattle in all, so Justice Matthews and Officer Abe Loftis got busy and worked up the case thread by thread, and their labors were finally rewarded on last Thursday week by the capture of Rich Mayhew.

When placed in custody Mayhew vigorously denied the theft, and was placed in jail to await his trial. At his hearing Wednesday such strong evidence was shown where he had stolen seven head of cattle that he confessed to stealing in all seven of the cases. He was given \$25.00 and six months in each case.

After the Cumberland.

A special from Jackson says: Attorney General Fletcher is very busy studying up on the facts and authorities in connection with the injunction suit in the federal court of the Cumberland Telephone Company vs. The Mississippi Railroad Commission, and is preparing to fight the Nashville corporation as far as possible on the night rate proposition. The Cumberland people some time ago decided to revise their rates and place the night toll rate for long distance messages on an equal basis with the day, and so notified the railroad commission an order denying the right of the company to make the increase, as it would be an imposition on the public, which order was met by the company going into the federal court and restraining the commission from interfering with the rate, which the court did, issuing an order to operate temporarily until the injunction can be heard on its merits in the court at term time.

Miss Fay Keaton returned home on Tuesday last after spending two weeks very pleasantly at West Point and Kolola Springs.

Miss Jessie Johnston returned to her home in Clinton, Miss., on Thursday last, after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Maer and Miss Mamie Davis in this city.

Prominent Suicide.

Canton, Miss., Sept. 10.—Dr. Wm. Yandell, one of the most prominent physicians in this section and a member of an old and aristocratic family, committed suicide last night at his home here by taking an overdose of morphine hypodermically. This act was the culmination of some domestic troubles which have created considerable talk in the community during recent weeks. His wife and their two younger children have been at her father's home in Lexington, Miss., for two weeks. Their elder children are staying with his mother here, and he was residing in his home and taking his meals with his father's family. When he did not go to breakfast this morning his mother went over to his house to investigate and found his dead body in the bathroom, clad only in his night robe. He had been dead since about 11 o'clock the night previous and his bed was untouched. The coroner was summoned. He impaneled a jury, they viewed the body and made an investigation, and arrived at a verdict of suicide from morphine. The hypodermic syringe and a bottle of morphine tablets were found on the floor by his body, silent witnesses of the cause of the tragedy. Dr. Yandell left two letters, one to his wife and another to his father. Their contents are not known to the public. He was 32 years of age, a social leader, and a member of the Elks and Masonic fraternities. His funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 10 o'clock under the auspices of the Masons. Mrs. Yandell, wife of the deceased, is a daughter of Geo. Wilson, a very wealthy and eminent lawyer of Lexington.

A. & M. College.

The A. & M. College will open on Wednesday of this week, when it is expected that the largest attendance in its history will be present. The college, under the management of President Hardy, has grown and grown and is yearly becoming more valuable to the people of the State not only as an educational institution but as a place which is constantly in touch with the great farming interests of the State and which is ever ready to grapple with and solve the multitudinous problems that are ever presenting themselves to the farmers of Mississippi. Its influence in Mississippi in promoting modern farm methods, stimulating stock growing and raising and elevating agriculture in this State to a higher and more scientific basis is invaluable and its mission is widening and growing each session.

The prospect for the forthcoming session is the best in its history. The large faculty has enjoyed the rest of the vacation, and president, faculty and students return enthused for their work. The improvements sanctioned by the board of trustees at the annual meeting are well under way, and before another session a new mess hall and other needed buildings will grace the campus. The usual number of Lowndes county boys will be in attendance at the college this year.

Runaway Results Seriously.

Shortly before six o'clock yesterday afternoon a team of mules hitched to a wagon which belongs to Mr. Joe Bishop became frightened by a passing automobile and ran away. The accident occurred on Main street between Market and Fourth, and the team ran into a buggy which was standing in front of Street's drug store and in which there were seated Mrs. Beverly Matthews and her mother, Mrs. Sallie Whitfield. Both ladies were painfully bruised, and it is feared that Mrs. Whitfield's injuries may prove rather serious. Jones Greenlee, the old negro who was driving the wagon, also received painful injuries as a result of the accident.

Singing at Mt. Harmony.

In the last issue of this paper there was a statement to the effect that the singing at the Mt. Harmony church in Western Alabama which had been advertised to occur on next Sunday, had been cancelled, and the statement was made upon the authority of a telephone message from some gentleman in that section who stated it as a fact. Now it is learned that the singing will occur as scheduled, and the people of that section are cordially invited to attend it.

Mr. H. F. Simrall is home from a trip to Vicksburg and other cities in the State.